

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims (including Claim 1 and Claim 10) include a “means for retaining a reservoir containing an injectable liquid composition” and a “means for providing liquid communication between the retained reservoir and the injection needle”. The Examiner states at page 2 that “(i)n the specification, applicant defines the ‘means for retaining...’ as a threaded engagement (see par. 0016, 0104, 0109) and the ‘means for providing liquid communication...’ as a penetrable membrane and an inlet end of an injection needle for penetrating the membrane (see par. 0016). Accordingly, the examiner is interpreting the ‘means for retaining...’ and ‘means for providing liquid communication...’ to encompass these structures and their equivalents.”

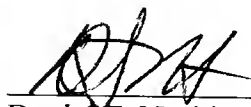
Applicants respectfully add that the specification also describes the “means for retaining a reservoir containing an injectable liquid composition” as the needle carriage that associates and retains the syringe cartridge as a reservoir within the housing of the device, as described in paragraph [0109] and shown in Figures 10 and 11. Paragraph [0109] also describes that respective threads of syringe cartridge and the needle carriage secure or lock the syringe cartridge into its retained position within the needle carriage.

Applicants respectfully add that the specification also describes the “means for providing liquid communication...” as provided by a wall of the reservoir, as described in paragraph [0091], by a piercing conduit or an intermediate member in liquid communication with the injection needle, as described in paragraph [0100] and [0131], and by a one-way valve, as described in paragraph [0132].

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